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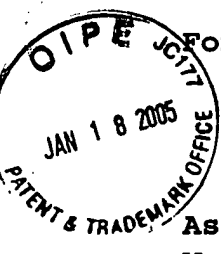
In re the Application of

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Application No.: 10/500,848 ✓

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For: SIMPLIFIED LAMELLAR CLARIFIER, AND METHOD FOR CLEANING SAME



NOTICE OF CO-PENDING RELATED APPLICATIONS  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.56 MPEP 2001.06(b)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56 and MPEP 2001.06(b), the applicants hereby call to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the following applications which may be deemed to be co-pending related application to the present application:

(1) 10/493,237.

It is requested that the prior art references from each application be reviewed by the examiner and made of record in the present application. To assist the examiner, submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement directed to making the art currently of record in each of the above-listed cases also of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the art listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This PTO 1449 brings to the attention of the Examiner the art cited in the application listed in the Notice of Co-Pending Related Applications filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106. Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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